



## LIVINGSTON COUNTY Health Department

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### **Livingston County Encourages a Dental Visit for Children by Age One**

HOWELL, Michigan. - (January 31, 2020) The “Livingston County’s Road to Community Health” Series broke down the results of the 2014 Community Health Status Assessment into bite-sized portions so that our community could focus on the implications of one health issue at a time. Since then, the Community Health Improvement Plan workgroups have continued to work hard on addressing identified public health issues. Two of these workgroups, the Health Promotion and Education workgroup and the Dental Health workgroup have combined forces after identifying a need for education and outreach regarding children’s dental health. As a result of this collaboration, the “Road to Community Health Children’s Oral Health Age One Dental Visit” is being released to highlight the importance of why children should visit a dentist by age one.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and the American Dental Association (ADA) recommend that children see a dentist within six months after their first tooth comes in, or by age one. However, many children do not see a dentist until they are much older, which increases their risk of tooth decay and other oral health problems later in life. The Road to Community Health Children’s Oral Health Age One Dental Visit highlights this important issue and also provides information to promote oral health from birth, including tips for parents and what to expect at the age one dental visit. Please join us on our Road to Community Health by reading and widely sharing the attached information, which can also be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/2S2hOeX>.

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